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SUBJ: INAUGURATION OF NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL

1. DURING A CALL TODAY ON THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE N.S.W. SUPREME COURT, SIR JOHN KERR, RECENTLY NAMED BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM TO SUCCEED SIR PAUL HASLUCK AS GOVERNOR GENERAL, HE REMARKED THAT THE CLOSENESS OF THE ELECTION AND THE DELAY IN ASCERTAINING WHO WOULD FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED AN ELEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY IN THE TIMING OF HIS OWN INAUGURATION. THIS ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT THE PARLIAMENT SHOULD BE IN SESSION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AND HONOR THE OUT-GOING GOVERNOR GENERAL BEFORE KERR CAN BE INAUGURATED. THE CONVENING OF PARLIAMENT IN TURN DEPENDS IN PART ON WHICH SIDE WINS THE ELECTION. NOW, SAYS KERR, IT APPEARS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT MR. WHITLAM WILL FORM THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND ON THAT BASIS HE BELIEVES THAT THE TENTATIVE PLAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT; NAMELY, THAT THE PARLIAMENT WILL CONVENE ON OR ABOUT JULY 23, HONOR SIR PAUL HASLUCK PERHAPS THE NEXT DAY, AND THEREBY CLEAR THE DECKS FOR KERR'S INAUGURATION ON OR ABOUT JULY 25.

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